

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Casey:

Attached are some talking points for the 8 June NFIB concerning warning.

The Warning Working Group will meet on 9 June to begin implementation of your decision memorandum.

NIO/W

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DCI TALKING POINTS  
ON WARNING

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- I. Decision Memo on warning completes a series of efforts to improve our ability to produce warning intelligence.
- A. New initiatives in research support production of warning.
    - 1. Center for Terrorism Instability and Insurgency will identify causes and indicators of change.
    - 2. Intelligence Producers Council will coordinate Community research efforts on Third World and Soviet Bloc developments having warning implications.
  - B. NIO's will identify mid- to long-term warning situations through their estimates and monthly warning meetings.
  - C. Watch Committee will highlight short-term warning developments.
  - D. Alerting of fast breaking events will continue to be the function of our Ops Centers through the use of procedures such as CRITICS and NIOWONS.
- II. NIO for Warning and National Warning Staff will oversee and advise all the above.  fits in here as Special Assistant for Warning)
- A. Identify events and alternative outcomes not given adequate hearing in standard products.
  - B. Participate in and contribute to the production of estimates and Watch Committee reports.

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- C. Nominate, contribute, participate, conduct or coordinate specific research projects on warning matters.
  - D. Draw upon the results and products of individual agency and departmental warning activities, but not rely exclusively on their efforts. The whole should be greater than the sum of the parts.
- III. The Warning Working Group will be retained to assist the NIO/W. I look to them to carry out the implementation of this decision.
- IV. Warning function and Warning Staff will continue to be a Community effort.
- A. Warning function will be lodged in the National Intelligence Council.
  - B. NIO/W will be a full time position.
  - C. Composition, size and location of the staff will be worked out by Warning Working Group.
- V. The Warning mission will continue to be to insure "no surprise" to the President, NSC and Armed Forces. Obviously warning of an attack on the US or its allies is first priority; however, we must also address slowly-developing, longer-term threats to US security--within the warning context.
- VI. The Alert Memorandum will be retained as a warning medium, but it is not the exclusive one since both estimates and the Watch Committee reports will have warning content. Other means of conveying the warning message will be employed when needed. Content, not form, is what is important.